

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #25-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGH THE 2025 PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PIDP) GRANT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$4,000,000 TO SUPPORT DESIGN AND PLANNING FOR THE JOHN THOMAS KELSEY DOCK AND SEA OTTER SITE, AND COMMITTING TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation, through the Maritime Administration (MARAD), has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the 2025 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) to fund projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez owns and operates the John Thomas Kelsey Dock and the Sea Otter site, both of which are identified as critical components of the City's marine infrastructure in the Valdez Comprehensive Waterfront Master Plan, Valdez Strategic Economic Plan, Plan Valdez Comprehensive Plan, and the 2024 Valdez City Council Priorities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed PIDP grant application will fund design and engineering work to bring both the Kelsey Dock and Sea Otter site up to a 35% design level (shelf-ready), including infrastructure improvements to accommodate larger vessels such as cruise ships, Coast Guard Fast Response Cutters, and icebreakers, and upland development for vessel maintenance, travelift operations, and winter vessel storage; and

WHEREAS, the Kelsey Dock site improvements will enhance coordination with the Alaska Marine Highway System Ferry Terminal to support joint use by larger vessels and serve as an alternative cargo handling facility during ammunition moves or emergency conditions when the Valdez Container Terminal is unavailable; and

WHEREAS, the Sea Otter site will be developed to improve year-round vessel support capacity, serve as an alternative cargo handling facility and strengthen the City's marine response readiness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez is eligible to apply for PIDP grant funding as a small, rural coastal community and is requesting the full allowable amount of \$4,000,000 in federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates that PIDP program requirements may include a minimum local match of twenty percent of the total project cost, and the City commits to providing this match through a combination of local funds, state partner contributions, and eligible in-kind services, or such lesser match as may be authorized under rural or small port provisions of the PIDP program; and

WHEREAS, the PIDP grant program permits funding for design, environmental review, and planning activities as eligible uses consistent with the intended scope of the City's proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes this project as a strategic and forward-looking investment in the future capacity, resilience, and economic development of the Port of Valdez, State of Alaska, and the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to prepare, submit, and execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept a Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.

Section 2. The City of Valdez affirms its commitment to provide the required local match for the project, whether in cash or eligible in-kind contributions, in accordance with PIDP requirements, and to seek consideration for a reduced local match as a rural, small-port applicant.

Section 3. The City Manager is further authorized to coordinate with engineering consultants, the State of Alaska, and other partners to finalize the scope and budget for the PIDP grant application and to take any administrative actions necessary to complete the application and support successful project implementation if awarded.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 29th day of April 2025.

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Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elise Sorum-Birk, Deputy City Clerk